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FACTS ABOUT GIRLS' EDUCATION

Around the world, girls face barriers to education that boys do not. But educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation. These statistics offer insights on those barriers and also illustrate the lasting impact education has on girls, families, communities and nations around the world.

- 1 There are 33 million fewer girls than boys in primary school.** *Education First: An Initiative of the United Nations Secretary General. 2012.*
- 2 66 million girls are out of school globally.** *2012 EFA Global Monitoring Report.*
- 3 If India enrolled 1% more girls in secondary school, its GDP would rise by \$5.5 billion.** *CIA World Factbook, Global Campaign for Education, and RESULTS Education Fund.*
- 4 A girl with an extra year of education can earn 20% more as an adult.** *The World Bank, August 2011.*
- 5 Girls with 8 years of education are 4 times less likely to be married as children.** *National Academies Press, 2005.*
- 6 14 million girls under 18 will be married this year. That's 38 thousand today - or 13 girls in the last 30 seconds.** *UNFPA, 2012*
- 7 In a single year, an estimated 150 million girls are victims of sexual violence.** *UNIFEM, 2011.*
50% of sexual assaults in the world victimize girls under the age of 15. *UNFPA, 2005.*
- 8 The #1 cause of death for girls 15-19 is childbirth.** *World Health Organization, 2012.*
- 9 A child born to a literate mother is 50% more likely to survive past the age of 5.** *UNESCO, 2011*
- 10 Educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children to school.** *UNICEF, 2010.*